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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

AN INVITATION TO THE CHAIRMAN BY THE UNITED STATES AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS.

March 9th, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegate informed the Committee that his authorities had invited the Chairman to visit Washington during the Easter recess, beginning on March 23rd. In extending this invitation, his Government wished to recognise the unique and valuable contribution made by the Chairman to the work of the Coordinating Committee during his two years in office and to obtain the benefit of his reflections and advice in discussion of matters of mutual interest. The Delegate, who himself would accompany the Chairman to Washington, said that he believed the agenda would be planned in such a way as to enable the Chairman to observe at first hand the way in which the economic defence programme of the United States operated.

2. The JAPANESE Delegate stated that his Government had taken note of the United States invitation to the Chairman to visit Washington during the Easter recess and had themselves invited the Chairman to visit Tokyo after his stay in Washington.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that he was greatly honoured by the invitations extended to him. He wished to thank the United States and Japanese Governments most sincerely, both in the name of his own Government and personally. He had already replied that he would be able to go to Washington and Tokyo during the recess.

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